Renovation of BRPL

2073. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not renovating Bongaigaon Refinery to produce high quality diesel;

(b) whether Government have decided not to install new better machinery in Bongaigaon Refinery for the purpose; and

(c) whether new machineries have been installed in Digboi, Guwahati and Numaligarh Refineries for achieving this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) In order to upgrade the existing diesel quality of Bongaigaon Refinery and Petochemicals Limited (BRPL) to meet the quality specification laid down by the Experts Committee on Auto Fuels, investments to the tune of Rs. 500 crore is required which may not fetch commensurate returns. Hence, various alternatives of upgrading the diesel quality are being explored by Indian Oil Corporation, the holding company of BRPL, in consultation with BRPL.

(c) Diesel quality upgradation facilities to produce Bharat Stage-II quality diesel are being installed at Digboi and Guwahati refineries. Facilities to produce Bharat Stage-II diesel already exist at Numaligarh Refinery Limited.

Quality control in public sector refineries

2074. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether various steps taken by Government to improve the quality of diesel, petrol and other products produced by the public sector refineries have achieved the desired results;

(b) whether there is any plan for bringing further improvements in quality; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?